1st November 1933]

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Bezwada Municipality is a much smaller municipality than Salem."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state the respective incomes of these two municipalities? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Not only the income but also the population has to be taken into consideration."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to let us have information regarding their respective population and extent? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The hon. Member can get the information from the Census Report. The population of Salem is about 103,000, while the population of Bezwada is about 55,000."

Working and finances of the newly bifurcated taluk boards.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are satisfied with the working and finances of the newly bifurcated taluk boards; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to issue a statement of their policy with respect to such taluk boards?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*c*) of question No. 10 on 31st July 1933.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that taluk boards in the Kistna district were stopped from conducting their elections? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Yes, it is a fact."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the whole matter is under consideration and how they were able to issue orders to certain taluk boards alone? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Until the whole matter is finally decided and financial conditions of the boards improve, the Government thought it best to maintain the *status quo ante*."

Transfer of the control of cattle-pounds in the Guntur district to the panchayat boards.

* 245 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any panchayats in the Guntur district have applied for the control of cattle 'pounds' in their areas;

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned such control to the panchayats; and

[1st November 1933

(c) if not, what the policy of the Government is regarding the same?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The Government have under consideration a proposal to transfer all cattle-pounds to local bodies.

Restrictions on District Boards regarding the deposit of their moneys into the District Urban Banks.

* 246 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have restricted the amounts that each district board can deposit in the District Urban Banks;

(b) whether such restriction is not resulting in loss to the boards owing to the lower rate of interest obtaining in the Imperial Bank;

(c) what the reasons are that prompted the Government to issue such instructions; and

(d) whether the Government have any proposal before them to reconsider their decision and allow district boards to keep larger deposits with the District Banks?

A.—(a) & (c) In order to safeguard the moneys of local bodies and in order to prevent co-operative central banks from having surpluses much in excess of their requirements, the Government have ordered that local bodies should not make investments in such banks beyond certain specified limits without the sanction of Government.

(b) Where an investment in a co-operative central bank is not permitted by Government it is open to the local bodies to invest the money in Government securities which will fetch a reasonable rate of interest.

(d) The Government do not propose to reconsider the orders issued in the matter.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"When the District Central Banks have got certain borrowing powers, may I know why the district boards' moneys are not permitted to be deposited in the respective central banks?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The answer clearly states that it is not desirable to increase the balances in the co-operative banks."

Petition for the construction of a bridge across the branch of the Tungabhadra river between Desanur and Siruguppa.

* 247 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the ryots of Desanur village, Siruguppa taluk, Bellary district, have preferred a